

REMARKS

This responds to the Official Action dated 6 September 2005, the in-person interview between Examiner Paumen, Jagdish Shah, and Delos Larson on 17 October 2005, and the telephone interview between Examiner Paumen and Delos Larson on 9 November 2005. Applicant gratefully thanks the Examiner for his time during the interviews. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 19-23, 26, 30, 33, 37, 40, 45, 57, 61, 69, and 75 have been amended. Claims 1-18, 24, 25, 32, 34, 43, 47, 49-56, 59, 64, 71, 73, and 74 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 19-23, 26-31, 33, 35-42, 44-46, 48, 57-58, 60-63, 65-70, 72, and 75 remain pending in the application.

Following the discussions of the claims during the in-person interview, the Examiner suggested a number of amendments to the claims in the telephone interview to put the application in condition for allowance. Applicant has made the amendments suggested, and changed the dependency of several claims so that each is dependent on an allowable claim.

Therefore, in view of the preceding, Applicant respectfully requests that all rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

Supplemental IDS filed 2/28/05

Applicant filed a Supplementary Information Disclosure Statement (“IDS”) on 28 February 2005. However, the Examiner did not initial the 1449 form accompanying the IDS. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial and return the 1449 form, indicating consideration of the German reference. Applicant encloses a copy of the IDS filed 28 February 2005 with this amendment, along with another courtesy copy of the German

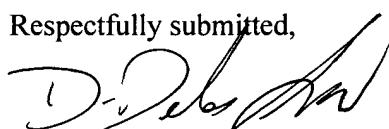
reference cited in a corresponding Great Britain application. Applicant also includes a copy of the return postcard, indicating receipt of the IDS, the 1449 form, the German reference, and the Great Britain Combined Search and Examination Report citing the German reference.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims should now be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney if there are unresolved matters in the present application so that the examination process can be expedited.

Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with this Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account **Nº. 08-2623.**

Respectfully submitted,



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